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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD EIND PFOR LA UR VN
SUBJECT: RUSSIANS SMUGGLE GOLD FROM HANOI TO VIENTIANE

1. AN INDIAN MERCHANT RESIDENT IN VIENTIANE TOLD EMBOFF MAY 4 THAT RUSSIANS TRANSITING FROM HANOI TO VIENTIANE REGULARLY SELL HIM GOLD FROM VIET NAM WHICH HE IN TURN SELLS ON THE VIENTIANE BLACK MARKET. HE SAID THAT LAO PILOTS FLYING THE HANOI TO VIENTIANE ROUTE ALSO OCCASIONALLY SELL HIM GOLD FROM VIET NAM.

2. THE GOLD IS SOLD IN 37.5 GRAM SHEETS AT A CURRENT PRICE OF $5.20 PER GRAM. THE MERCHANT SAID THAT THE PRICE FLUCTUATES BETWEEN $5.00 AND $5.30 PER GRAM. THE GOLD SHEETS BORE THE INSCRIPTION "KIM THANH" (GOLD SHEET) AND "HANOI. SAIGON . PHNOM PENH . VIENTIANE", WITH CHINESE CHARACTERS AT THE EDGES OF THE SHEET.
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